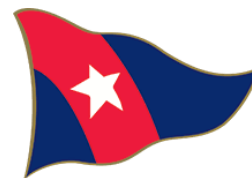




Notice of Race

EYC WOMEN'S IOD INVITATIONAL

12-13 September 2026



Organized by the Marblehead IOD Fleet
and the Eastern Yacht Club

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescription V1 (Penalty at the Time of the Incident) shall apply. US Sailing prescriptions to Rules 61.4 (Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress) 60.3(b), 67 (Damages) and 76.1 (Exclusion of Boats or Competitors) shall apply. All other US Sailing prescriptions shall not apply.
- 1.3 The IOD Class Rules will apply. The IOD Championship Regulations will not apply.
- 1.4 Boat restrictions and permitted actions are described in Sections 8 and 9.
- 1.5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or
- 1.6 RRS 62.2 and RRS 66 will be changed to shorten the times for requesting redress and for requesting that a hearing be reopened on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 1.7 The Sailing Instructions may change other racing rules.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 This regatta is open to female helmspersons and all-female teams
- 2.2. All competing helmspersons must be members of U.S. Sailing or their National Sailing Authority.
- 2.3 The entry fee is \$525 (five weekend social tickets are included with each entry.) Additional social tickets may be purchased for \$80 at www.marbleheadiod.com/womens2026
- 2.4 This is a resume event. Interested skippers should submit a sailing resume to the OA as soon as possible, using the official application at www.marbleheadiod.com/womens2026
- 2.5 Applications will be reviewed quickly. Qualified applicants will be notified promptly.
- 2.6 The deadline for entries is July 31, 2026. All invited teams must complete the official entry form and secure their entry by paying their entry fee by that date, or be subject to a \$100 late fee. Fees are not refundable. Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority.
- 2.7 Electronic payment instructions for entry fees, additional social packages, and housing requests will be found at www.marbleheadiod.com. (See **NOR 13.3**)
- 2.8 A single damage deposit of \$1000 will be required of each team. Damage deposits may be paid in advance or at registration. The OA prefers that the damage deposit be provided via paper check or via VENMO. A boat may not leave the mooring unless that team has provided a damage deposit.
- 2.9 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the Jury. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. If a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 2.10 After the conclusion of the regatta, the damage deposit will be returned, less any deductions for loss or damage incurred by the competitor during the regatta. Additionally, damage deposits may be "pooled" to cover any un-attributable loss or damage to the boats which occurred as a direct result of the use of the boats in the regatta. In such event, expenses shall be deducted from the "pool", and the balance shall be returned to the competitors after the conclusion of the regatta.

3. Race Format

- 3.1 A maximum of six races are planned, of which one must be completed to constitute a series.
- 3.2 The PRO will attempt to create races that are between 75 minutes and 100 minutes in duration.

4 Anticipated Schedule (Subject to Change)

All Activities at the Eastern Yacht Club Sailing Center, located on the ground floor off the Eastern Yacht Club,, Marblehead Neck, Marblehead, except as noted.

Friday September 11, 2026

Housing begins for out-of-town teams.

Saturday September 12, 2026

0800hrs – 0900hrs Registration - Eastern Yacht Club, location TBD
0900 Competitors Meeting/Boat Draw – location TBD (donuts/coffee)
1000 Harbor Start, Orientation Sail
1100 First warning, followed by Invitational Racing
Regatta Social Event/Dinner (Off campus, informal)

Sunday September 13, 2026

Housing ends for out-of-town teams
09:30hrs Competitors Meeting – EYC Sailing Center (donuts/coffee)
1000 Harbor Start
1000 First Warning, followed by Invitational Racing
*No warning may be made after 1430hrs
Regatta Awards at EYC Sailing Center, after racing (sailing clothes)

5. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at marbleheadiod.com/womens2026 on or before September 7, 2026

6. Racing Area

Racing will be conducted in the waters NE of Marblehead Harbor. (NOAA Chart 13275/13275-P)

7. Courses

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Boats

8.1 Boats have been loaned to the OA by the members of Marblehead IOD Fleet, and are to be sailed “as is.” **This is a borrowed boat regatta and the boats are loaned to the event and provided to the competitors under the stipulation that no temporary or permanent modifications shall be made to the hulls, sails or provided equipment, except as permitted by the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or Regatta Technical Chair.** Teams breaching any of these restrictions may be subject to a discretionary penalty. [DP]

8.2 Boats will be prepared by the Marblehead IOD Fleet Technical Committee.

8.3 Teams will draw for boats at the skippers meeting on Saturday September 6. No team may sail in a boat that is regularly sailed by their helmsperson or any crew member

8.4 Teams will sail the same boat on Saturday and Sunday.

8.5 Each boat will be provided with one jib, mainsail and spinnaker, and no other sail shall be used without the permission of the Regatta Technical Chair.

8.6 Boats will be provided with spinnaker launching bags and spinnaker sheets. Competitors may bring and use their own spinnaker sheets/spinnaker launching devices. (Spinnakers may have sister clips)

8.7 In strong winds the use of spinnakers may be restricted

8.8 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing and safety purposes shall be carried while afloat.

9. Boat Restrictions

9.1 No modifications may be made to the upper shrouds, lower shrouds or forestay

9.2 No modifications may be made to the mast chocking at step or partners.

9.3 Automatic bilge pumps shall not be disconnected or disabled. Boats shall not race with any significant amount of water in the bilge. Except through the natural act of sailing through seas, or rain, water may not be added to the boats.

9.4 No purchase shall be added or removed to any part of the running rigging.

9.5 No holes may be made in any sail, in any other part of a boat, or in a boat's finish. Such holes will be considered damage.

9.6 Teams may not facilitate roll tacking or gybing by supporting their weight outside the extension of the topsides above the sheerline by holding or hanging off the upper and/or lower shrouds.

9.7 Jibs may not be tied to headstays

9.8 The hulls may not be scrubbed, washed, wet-sanded or otherwise treated below the waterline.

10 Other Requirements

10.1 Each team is required to have a functioning VHF radio with US Channels at all times while afloat. These will not be provided by the OA.

10.2 Each competitor shall carry or wear their own personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the U.S. Coast Guard (or for international competitors, the equivalent authority of their home country) at all times while afloat.

10.3 Competitors under the age of 18 shall wear a PFD approved by the U.S. Coast Guard (or for international competitors, the equivalent authority of their home country), at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

11. Scoring

RRS Appendix A will apply. Each team's score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores, except that if six races are completed, there will be one throwout.

12 Prizes

12.1 A prize will be awarded to the winning team.

12.2 Other prizes may be awarded.

13. Housing

13.1 Every effort will be made to accommodate visiting competitors and their families in private homes in Marblehead beginning on Friday evening Sep. 11 through Sunday morning Sep 13, 2026.

13.2 To facilitate the housing process, please return a completed housing request form before June 30, 2026. Housing forms will be available at marbleheadiod.com/womens2026 on or before June, 1, 2026

13.3 Housing assignments will be made beginning July 1, 2026 in the order that housing forms have been received (**no housing assignment will be made for teams that have not paid their entry fee**)

13.4 For those wishing to make their own arrangements, some guest rooms are available at both the Corinthian and Eastern Yacht Clubs, at local Inns, local Bed and Breakfasts, Airbnb, and VRBO.

14. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15 Additional Information

15.1 As available, regatta information, news and racing results will be published on the Marblehead Fleet Web Site – marbleheadiod.com

15.2 Questions about the event may be emailed to womensinvite@marbleheadiod.com